

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1-2. (Cancelled).

3. (Previously Presented) A connection structure for connecting a flat cable to a connector, comprising:

a connector housing protruding from a base plate comprising:

a first surface substantially parallel to the base plate; and

a pair of side surfaces on both sides of the first surface;

a plurality of terminals housed in the connector housing each having a press-fit contact exposed from the first surface;

a flat cable having a plurality of conductors each in contact with the respective press-fit contact;

a cover covering the first surface and the side surfaces of the connector housing; and

a pair of slits between the cover and the base plate that allows a direction of the flat cable therefrom to be regulated;

wherein the flat cable is curved along the first surface and the side surfaces by the cover so as to be in contact with the press-fit contacts;

wherein the base plate further comprises a pair of grooves each communicating with the respective slit and having a width which broadens toward each end of the base plate; and

wherein the grooves house the flat cable.

4. (Currently Amended) The connection structure of claim 3 [[1]], wherein;  
the cover is integrally connected with the connector housing by a hinge.

5-6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently Amended) [[The]] A connection structure of claim 6, for connecting a flat cable to a connector, comprising:  
a connector housing protruding from a base plate comprising:  
a first surface in a plane different from the base plate; and  
a pair of side surfaces each adjacent to the first surface;  
a plurality of terminals in the connector housing having retaining contacts on the  
first surface;  
a flat cable having a plurality of conductors in contact with the retaining contacts;  
a cover covering the first surface and the side surfaces of the connector housing,  
the cover holding the flat cable adjacent to the first surface and side surfaces; and  
a pair of slits between the cover and the base plate configured to allow  
orientation of the flat cable,

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wherein the base plate further comprises a pair of grooves that widen in width as the groove extends from the pair of slits, the grooves housing the flat cable.

8. (Currently Amended) The connection structure of claim [[4]] 7, wherein the cover is integrally connected to the connector housing.